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PHILIPPINE FOREIGN COMMERCE IN THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1917.

Philippine commercial statistics compiled by the Bureau of Insular Affairs of the War Department for the year ending June 30, 1917 show an increase in total imports of six million dollars, and in exports of ten million dollars, over those of the previous year. These larger figures, however, are subject to qualification, and on analysis are found to express advancing war prices rather than any general development in trade due to larger consumption and greater production.

Imports amounted to \$51,983,278 and in spite of higher prices continued below the figures of years immediately prior to the war, while the apparent improvement over the trade of 1916 is strikingly illustrated in cotton textiles and rice, in which the leading increases in value for the year were recorded, though the quantities imported were below those of 1916. Iron and steel continued at the low level that has prevailed throughout the war. The considerable decline in the quantity of cement imported is discounted by local production, which is beginning to assume importance. The world wheat shortage resulted in much reduced imports of flour, in which the Australian product became more prominent than since the war, while American flour lost its former conspicuous lead.

The export total of \$71,715,375 was by far the largest ever recorded, with the large increase over 1916, as in the case of imports, chiefly due to war prices. Quantities of hemp, sugar, and copra, the three leading exports, were below those of the previous year, sugar being materially below the high record of that year; but prices in each instance were higher, and reached such a phenomenal figure in the case of hemp as to result in an increase of nearly twenty-five per cent over the value of 1916. Against the reduced quantity of copra must be set a practical doubling in exports of coconut oil. Much enlarged local manufacturing capacity combined with the transportation situation greatly to increase the output of oil. The United States continued to be the market for oil, and for the first time took the lead in the copra trade, heretofore controlled by France.

The American demand for the Philippine cigar and a doubling of shipments to the United States was the ruling feature in a fifty per cent increase in the value of the cigar trade, shipments to other countries as a whole falling to even a lower level than had hitherto prevailed during the war. Though the quantity of leaf tobacco was about the same, materially better prices were realized, and the United States for the first time assumed some importance in this trade, taking a relatively high-grade leaf. Philippine embroideries continued to increasingly profit by the disturbed conditions in Europe, with a hundred and fifty per cent increase over the previous year, and supplied the American market to the value of a million and a half dollars.

With the practical completion of three years of war, a comparison of the country distribution of Philippine trade in 1917 with ante-bellum conditions of 1914 is of interest. In the import trade the proportion of the United States increased from 51 to 53% of the total. The Japanese increase was from 7 to 11%, while a smaller gain was recorded by China. The British proportion declined from 9 to 5%, the Australian from 5 to 2, and the French from 3 to 1, while 6% credited to Germany in 1914 virtually disappeared in 1917. In exports the salient feature was the increase in shipments to the United States from 43 to 60% of the total. The proportion of the United Kingdom declined from 17 to 11%, due chiefly to the much reduced hemp trade of 1917, while the diversion of copra to the United States entered largely into the French decline from 8 to 3%. Shipments to Germany amounting to 4% of the total in 1914 disappeared, while a new trade of some importance with Canada in hemp appeared in 1917.

FOREIGN COMMERCE OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.
Compiled by the Bureau of Insular Affairs, War Department.

I M P O R T S.	Twelve months ending June-			
	1916		1917	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Automobiles..... No.	837	\$668,843	1,048	\$750,063
United States..... "	829	654,956	1,048	750,063
Other countries..... "	8	13,887		
Cement..... Bbls.	269,949	349,020	160,654	301,067
United States..... "	44	144	48	153
China..... "	24,852	32,923	78,630	151,371
Hongkong..... "	48,179	65,833	34,277	70,037
Other countries..... "	196,874	250,120	47,699	79,506
Coal..... Long tons	502,296	1,484,313	400,585	1,234,404
United States..... "				
Australasia..... "	12,026	30,240		
Japan..... "	404,088	1,244,396	287,752	919,708
Other countries..... "	86,182	209,677	112,833	314,696
Cotton, and manufactures:				
Cloths..... Sq.yds.	99,683,142	7,446,781	88,551,096	8,487,753
United States..... "	86,671,244	6,381,279	77,120,928	7,267,399
United Kingdom..... "	7,774,232	665,252	6,323,167	700,816
Other countries..... "	5,237,666	400,250	5,107,001	519,538
Thread.....		378,837		557,714
United States.....		319,077		468,760
Other countries.....		59,760		88,954
Wearing apparel.....		1,166,962		1,680,293
United States.....		314,152		522,910
Germany.....		9,643		7,678
Japan.....		758,054		1,003,644
Spain.....		21,111		13,241
Other countries.....		64,002		132,820
Yarn..... Lbs.	2,346,364	494,895	2,414,678	752,262
United States..... "	6,697	7,122	15,086	12,049
United Kingdom..... "	490,318	131,931	312,019	127,725
Japan..... "	1,364,930	262,305	1,524,975	467,092
Other countries..... "	484,419	93,537	562,598	145,396
All other.....		905,715		1,124,206
United States.....		380,707		472,157
United Kingdom.....		180,174		190,377
Other countries.....		344,834		461,672
Iron and steel:				
Machinery.....		1,402,123		1,453,447
United States.....		1,137,401		1,217,560
United Kingdom.....		170,773		150,710
Other countries.....		93,949		85,177
All other.....		2,844,014		2,687,667
United States.....		2,408,434		2,102,027
United Kingdom.....		186,302		132,125
Other countries.....		249,278		453,515

FOREIGN COMMERCE OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS - Continued.

I M P O R T S.	Twelve months ending June -			
	1916		1917	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Illuminating oil.....Galls.	11,367,495	\$937,463	11,880,541	\$1,196,629
United States....."	8,239,749	659,095	9,792,549	978,371
Other countries....."	3,127,746	278,368	2,087,992	218,258
Leather, and manufactures:				
Boots and shoes.....Pairs	570,048	693,667	546,388	706,116
United States....."	447,010	666,033	395,586	673,554
Other countries....."	123,038	27,634	150,802	32,562
All other.....		354,294		524,375
United States.....		294,073		466,410
Other countries.....		60,221		57,965
Meat and dairy products:				
Beef, fresh.....Lbs.	7,592,980	800,585	5,115,505	479,219
United States....."	70,320	6,584	48,219	7,398
Australasia....."	5,970,568	702,835	1,576,009	157,615
Other countries....."	1,552,092	91,116	3,491,277	314,206
Condensed milk.....Lbs.	9,690,890	630,774	10,154,315	770,462
United States....."	3,224,960	184,905	5,189,761	383,162
United Kingdom....."	4,167,252	334,846	2,528,489	193,778
Other countries....."	2,298,678	160,923	2,436,065	188,522
All other.....		1,032,859		937,210
United States.....		374,467		366,285
Australasia.....		113,157		182,369
Other countries.....		545,235		388,556
Paper, and manufactures.....		717,165		1,422,255
United States.....		462,208		902,924
France.....		93,988		145,905
Germany.....		4,030		2,044
Other countries.....		156,939		371,382
Rice.....Long tons	180,125	5,847,195	177,070	6,470,909
United States....."				10
French E. I....."	172,873	5,553,399	170,424	6,130,517
Other countries....."	7,252	293,796	6,646	340,382
Wheat flour.....Bols.	374,919	1,828,798	268,611	1,502,803
United States....."	340,369	1,637,664	118,066	599,530
Australasia....."	31,620	177,641	79,179	498,470
Other countries....."	2,930	13,493	71,366	404,803
Wood, and manufactures.....		299,728		339,286
United States.....		199,590		253,405
Other countries.....		100,138		85,881
All other articles.....		15,639,594		18,605,138
United States.....		7,716,476		10,067,429
Other countries.....		7,923,118		8,537,709
Total imports.....		\$45,973,645		\$51,983,278

FOREIGN COMMERCE OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS — Continued.

E X P O R T S.	Twelve months ending June -			
	1916		1917	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Copra.....Long tons	78,098	\$6,533,265	69,392	\$6,942,093
United States....."	14,596	1,313,622	46,775	4,646,735
France....."	30,785	2,462,216	10,805	1,137,030
Spain....."	12,517	1,052,283	8,534	874,987
Other countries....."	20,190	1,705,144	3,268	283,341
Coconut oil.....Lbs.	22,979,102	2,993,161	56,013,397	6,500,963
United States....."	22,768,304	2,972,341	54,184,214	6,258,717
Other countries....."	210,799	15,820	1,829,683	242,246
Hemp (Manila).....Long tons	143,292	24,575,300	132,477	20,259,550
United States....."	72,092	13,572,405	69,868	17,037,191
United Kingdom....."	54,734	7,889,768	29,142	6,776,087
Japan....."	5,943	1,501,699	9,715	3,581,832
Other countries....."	10,520	1,661,423	13,751	2,864,440
Hemp, knotted.....Lbs.	693,927	323,197	793,632	539,054
United States....."	26,325	14,652	40,752	25,503
France....."	309,350	161,174	473,743	305,941
Italy....."	64,834	32,342	53,664	26,800
Switzerland....."	242,373	157,403	193,390	162,432
Other countries....."	50,534	21,419	32,143	13,473
Maguay.....Long tons	12,478	1,226,337	14,726	2,044,907
United States....."	4,832	510,099	11,177	1,537,227
United Kingdom....."	5,791	553,918	1,871	175,120
Other countries....."	1,855	162,320	2,378	232,550
Sugar.....Long tons	307,491	17,203,313	234,503	13,729,033
United States....."	105,863	7,093,215	93,696	7,131,473
China....."	30,252	1,436,261	33,319	1,673,543
Hongkong....."	43,294	2,423,494	72,412	3,420,543
Japan....."	37,664	2,034,512	13,080	662,172
Other countries....."	85,418	4,150,836	16,600	836,347
Cigars.....Thous.	151,263	2,234,646	219,069	3,459,324
United States....."	73,167	1,374,210	143,112	2,714,006
Australasia....."	4,338	63,854	4,032	63,254
British E. I....."	14,145	144,329	3,624	76,065
China....."	16,529	198,723	19,036	235,426
Other countries....."	43,479	510,732	39,135	366,071
Leaf tobacco.....Lbs.	29,361,284	2,046,001	29,461,144	2,464,643
United States....."	126,103	27,399	2,502,005	373,366
France....."	7,311,613	422,163	5,615,606	550,753
Spain....."	15,124,119	1,007,209	14,212,033	904,773
Other countries....."	6,697,449	529,020	7,151,445	632,751
All other articles.....		4,210,604		5,775,253
United States.....		1,955,134		3,343,170
Other countries.....		2,255,470		2,432,083
Total exports.....		\$61,464,031		\$71,715,375

C O U N T R I E S.	Imports		Exports	
	Twelve months ending June -			
	1916	1917	1916	1917
United States.....	\$23,804,367	\$27,516,556	\$28,838,526	\$42,125,393
Hawaii.....	123,364	301,294	147,665	129,670
United Kingdom.....	2,970,277	2,671,834	12,990,295	7,677,218
Australasia.....	1,199,331	1,009,365	776,007	789,445
Austria-Hungary.....	13,923	1,221		
Belgium.....	14,294	27,866		
China.....	2,431,593	3,348,943	2,013,189	2,199,763
East Indies, British.....	940,021	1,041,244	1,352,313	961,929
French.....	5,955,460	6,393,719	81,848	130,478
France.....	740,397	683,693	3,302,035	2,187,450
Germany.....	138,421	57,850		52
Hongkong.....	159,332	145,748	3,862,890	4,834,445
Italy.....	124,941	91,720	794,084	43,129
Japan.....	4,105,569	5,889,275	3,973,174	4,975,416
Netherlands.....	141,519	141,930	364,034	439,524
Spain.....	844,174	839,232	2,325,412	2,001,918
Switzerland.....	779,107	448,462	167,423	162,432
Other countries.....	1,437,485	1,373,266	435,137	2,057,113
Total.....	45,973,625	51,933,273	61,464,031	71,715,375
TOTALS.				
July.....	\$4,901,603	\$4,855,307	\$6,746,986	\$7,306,450
August.....	4,304,747	3,813,910	3,164,073	4,879,790
September.....	5,389,952	3,556,380	3,101,244	6,053,482
October.....	4,662,239	4,730,411	4,109,078	4,992,838
November.....	3,059,920	4,472,981	4,152,554	5,150,191
December.....	3,129,798	3,542,073	3,283,467	4,787,805
January.....	3,953,195	4,619,631	5,951,472	5,477,060
February.....	2,402,449	3,724,767	4,514,785	5,453,305
March.....	3,603,255	4,976,070	6,196,618	8,227,541
April.....	3,378,678	3,040,862	4,548,085	4,794,107
May.....	3,613,811	5,348,625	7,437,497	5,271,680
June.....	3,563,833	5,302,256	8,318,170	9,521,126
Total.....	45,973,625	51,933,273	61,464,031	71,715,375
UNITED STATES.				
July.....	\$2,562,934	3,013,234	3,620,292	3,929,509
August.....	2,215,802	1,729,049	1,719,506	3,179,366
September.....	3,348,939	1,670,993	1,537,600	3,980,355
October.....	2,591,519	2,439,116	1,533,635	2,830,770
November.....	1,667,229	2,436,337	1,522,827	2,942,151
December.....	1,374,927	1,531,032	1,881,381	1,812,597
January.....	2,077,875	2,631,515	2,360,640	1,538,266
February.....	1,125,359	1,859,148	1,250,277	3,394,275
March.....	1,762,597	2,691,021	3,784,283	6,368,539
April.....	1,761,132	1,359,257	1,439,886	2,378,211
May.....	1,714,489	3,889,260	3,463,322	3,202,093
June.....	1,600,955	2,766,539	4,674,377	7,569,251
Total.....	23,804,367	27,516,556	28,838,526	43,125,393

NOTE - U. S. Insular possessions are not included under the title "United States."



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